

August 5, 2013

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, Kemp and Lanier were present. Dr. Bob Shackelford, RCC President, gave the invocation and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Recognitions: Governor's Volunteer Awards

Chairman Holmes and Barb Dunn-Swanson, Volunteer Center Advisory Board Chair, presented certificates of appreciation to the winners of the 2013 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service: Sylvia Beamer (Director of Volunteers category); Fran & Warren Knapp (Family and Lifetime Achievement categories—Also received the Governor's Medallion Award); Charles Link (Individual category); Curt Lorimer (Individual category); Georgia McCollom (Individual category); and Aimee Scotton (Individual and Faith-based categories) *Note: The volunteers were also honored at a County-sponsored reception just prior to the meeting.*

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment.

Alan Ferguson, 4794 Troy Smith Road, Liberty, provided the Board with the following information about other sites in the hope that the Commissioners would withdraw their support for the proposed Randolph County mega site: 1) A 600 acre repurposed mega site (Mega Container – cargo port) in Brunswick County, which was bought in 2006 for \$50,000/acre is now proposed to be a state park by the NC Ports Authority board. Thirty million dollars has been spent on the project and they have had no prospective buyers. 2) Mr. Ferguson described the North Carolina Global TransPark in Lenoir County as a “swing and a miss” at an industrial site. It sits on 2,500 acres, and has one tenant that employs 400 people. Mr. Ferguson said that what most don't know is that it cost \$250,000,000 in state, local, federal and private money since it began in 1991. 3) A site similar to the Randolph County property is located 36 miles south of Charlotte in Foster Crossroads. It is 16 miles to the closest interstate, six miles from the railroad, two miles from the sewer line, has access to water, is heavily wooded and sits on the Catawba River. He stated that parcels are currently for sale ranging from five acres up to 3,395/acre. The South Carolina Department of Commerce is advertising it for \$20,000-\$25,000 per acre.

Nancy Ferguson, 4794 Troy Smith Road, Liberty, stated that she and her neighbors do not know what is going on with the mega site discussion. They thought minutes were to be unsealed, but they have not been and she stated that everything had been discussed behind closed doors. She asked the Commissioners to consider the families that live in the Liberty area that do not want a mega site in their back yard. Ms. Ferguson strongly believes an industrial site does not belong in a farming community. She asked that the Board make a decision and to vote against the mega site so the Liberty landowners can stop worrying about what their future holds.

Bobby Ferguson, 8703 Old 421 Rd., Julian, stated that the objective of the mega site effort is to create good jobs for Randolph County. A mega site that acquires a car manufacturer can do that and that seems to be the thinking around the Greensboro-Liberty mega site. Mr. Ferguson shared statistics and the probability of acquiring a large manufacturer that more than 180 other mega sites in the

United States have been unable to do. Mr. Ferguson said that the Board needs to realize when enough is enough. He asked that the Commissioners consider realigning with Chatham County on the Chatham–Randolph site and supporting them. He stated that Randolph County is likely to have the same number of citizens employed at the Chatham County site, which would be at no cost to Randolph. He asked that the Commissioners rescind any support for the Greensboro-Liberty mega site, continue to apply energy and resources toward small business support, and join forces with Chatham County to increase the possibility of its success, which, in turn, is free success to Randolph County.

Jon Nance, Asheboro resident, offered some suggestions for improvement to the permit approved for the regional landfill. He stated that since the County would be importing trash from neighboring counties there would be many aluminum cans, steel and other metals that could be recycled for a profit, and he asked if any type of a sorting mechanism had been considered in order to cash in on this. Mr. Nance estimated that millions of dollars on cans alone, could be collected over the life of the landfill, and asked for consideration on this matter.

Mr. Nance also asked that the Board repeal the special use permit for the regional landfill and instead approve it incrementally. He asked about the total disposal area at the regional landfill site. Richard Wells, County Manager, replied that a single cell itself is about 200 acres but the site is over 600 acres. Mr. Nance suggested that they consider approving only 50 acres at a time to “get a feel for it” and if they do not “like the idea of the landfill then they are not stuck with it and can turn course and do something else.”

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Holmes closed the public comment period.

Addition to Consent Agenda

Chairman Holmes announced that *Item F. Authorize Chairman & Finance Officer to Sign Revised Form DOA-731 for 2012-13 Home & Community Care Block Grant to Reflect Funding Reduction Due to Federal Sequestration Cuts* had been added to the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, and as follows:

- *approve regular meeting minutes & 4 sets closed session minutes of 7/8/13;*
- *approve Budget Amendment #3 for Encumbrance Carryforwards, as follows:*

<i>2012-2013 Budget Ordinance</i>	
<i>General Fund—Budget Amendment # 3</i>	
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	<i>\$31,828</i>
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$578,381</i>
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>
<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$101,229</i>
<i>Information Technology</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Tax</i>	<i>\$63,100</i>

<i>Elections</i>	<i>2,3461</i>
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	<i>\$25,961</i>
<i>Public Buildings</i>	<i>\$48,036</i>
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>\$103,304</i>
<i>Emergency Services</i>	<i>\$88,538</i>
<i>Building Inspections</i>	<i>\$17,500</i>
<i>Soil and Water</i>	<i>\$27</i>
<i>Other Economic & Physical Development Appropriations</i>	<i>\$9,580</i>
<i>Public Health</i>	<i>\$14,000</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>\$60,688</i>
<i>Public Library</i>	<i>\$45,900</i>

- approve Budget Amendment #4—Water Fund, as follows:

2013-2014 Budget Ordinance-Water Fund- Amendment # 4		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Bulk Water Sales</i>	<i>\$100</i>	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Purchase of Water</i>	<i>\$100</i>	

- adopt Resolution Approving Revised Piedmont Triad RPO Memorandum of Understanding, as follows:

***Resolution Approving Revised Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative,
Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and in the Establishment of the
Piedmont Triad Rural Transportation Planning Organization***

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Triad Rural Transportation Planning Organization provides long range local and regional transportation planning services, project prioritization and facilitates public participation in the rural transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2002 (amended June 15, 2011), the Parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which created the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the MOU for the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization establishes the purposes and responsibilities of the PTRPO, including the membership of the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Coordinating Committee, along with the responsibilities between County members, lead agency staff and the NCDOT; and

WHEREAS, a newly updated MOU dated August 5, 2013, reflects the following changes:

- Removal of Davidson County as a member of the TAC
- Removal of NCDOT Division 9 as a member of the TAC
- Updated status of the NCDOT Board of Transportation TAC representative as a voting member

WHEREAS, the updated MOU has been reviewed and approved by elected officials of member governments comprising the Technical Advisory Committee of the PTRPO.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the updated Memorandum of Understanding for the Piedmont Triad Rural Transportation Planning Organization, as submitted this 5th day of August, 2013, be approved.*

- *reappoint Cindy Miller to Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee;*
- *authorize Chairman & Finance Officer to Sign Revised Form DOA-731 for 2012-13 Home & Community Care Block Grant to Reflect Funding Reduction Due to Federal Sequestration Cuts.*

Addition to New Business

Chairman Holmes announced that the following had been added to the New Business agenda: *Item F. Discussion and Request Concerning Air Condition Controls at the New Courthouse.*

Partnership for Community Care Presentation

Jeff Pruett, Chronic Pain Initiative Coordinator of Partnership for Community Care (CCNC), stated that CCNC is a physician-developed organization that provides medical homes for Medicaid enrollees with Carolina Access Medicaid, works on improving the quality of care provided to enrollees, provides case management services for enrollees, and has 14 non-profit networks representing all 100 counties in NC. Their goal is to provide the best medical care possible for citizens. The savings they offer provides the funding for their services. They do not provide direct care. Physicians make referrals to the CNCC. If a patient is Medicaid eligible, but has no family doctor, the patient can apply through DSS to be assigned to a physician. CNCC uses established services in the community and is an extension of the doctor offices and medical facilities.

Mr. Pruett explained that another program of the CCNC is Project Lazarus, which was developed in response to the high drug overdose death rates in the country. The project is a Chronic Pain Initiative (CPI) with goals of reducing opioid-related overdoses, optimizing treatment of chronic pain, and reducing inappropriate use of prescription pain meds (opioids). Mr. Pruett gave statistics on the increasing unintentional deaths due to poisoning and drug overdoses. The Lazarus Project was started in Wilkes County in 2007 and through this program, drug-related visits decreased by 15%, hospitals changed Emergency Department (ED) policies limiting opioid prescriptions, participation in Controlled Substance Reporting System (CSRS) increased to 70%, and overdose deaths decreased by 42%. Because of those numbers, the CCNC is looking to replicate the Lazarus Project in other counties by asking for changes in how medical professionals manage chronic pain patients and monitor their prescription use. Mr. Pruett said that one component of the project is the distribution of Naloxone kits, which contain applicators for the drug and an instructional cd. He explained that Naloxone is a drug that temporarily reduces the effects of an overdose until medical help arrives. The actual drug (Naloxone) would have to be prescribed by a physician; the kit does not contain the drug itself. The Lazarus Project hopes to increase awareness of the kits and an understanding of when and how to use them by making them available to local pharmacies, schools, doctors, etc.

Mr. Pruett asked for the Commissioners' support and for them to be an effective partner in carrying out strategies and helping CNCC disseminate information via the following avenues:

- Public health department – multiple strategies
- County Medical Director – to reach physicians and ED
- Medical providers – to change their own practice and educate other providers
- Pharmacist – to other pharmacies in community
- Law enforcement

- Schools
- Behavioral Health, Prevention and Treatment Programs and Organizations
- Religious Leaders (Community)
- Taylor Project Lazarus Model to meet Community Needs

He stated that CCNC is currently planning to get the word out via public service announcements, establishing permanent drop boxes across counties, educating citizens and medical outlets, and placing Naloxone Kits into area pharmacies.

Mr. Pruett answered questions from Board members, after which Commissioner Haywood stated that he felt that CNCC has many positive attributes and one of the best managed health care groups operating in NC, but he has some unanswered questions, suggested the Board and Mr. Pruett meet later, and before any endorsements are given.

Economic Development Project (Flint Trading Company Sewer Project)

Bonnie Renfro, Randolph County EDC President, stated that Flint Trading Company/ Ennis-Flint had purchased a vacant building in Turnpike Industrial Park at 4686 Turnpike Court in the City of Trinity. They require public sewer service in order to expand into the facility as the septic field is not permitted for their operation needs. The project will result in the following economic impact:

Investment:	\$2,000,000 in real property
	\$3,000,000 in personal property - business equipment
Jobs:	14 new jobs
	15 transferred jobs
Wages:	Varies from \$36,000 to \$60,000 by job classification

Ennis Flint is a global company specializing in traffic safety solutions, and one of their product lines is a specialized paint that is used on roadways and highways. The Trinity operation would house a research and development lab as well as a manufacturing center. The jobs include chemists, scientists, and technicians along with manufacturing employees. Ennis Flint already employs 146 in North Carolina, most of them in Thomasville where their existing operations will remain.

Ms. Renfro said the project is eligible for sewer infrastructure grants from the NC Division of Rural Economic Development and Community Development Block Grant programs and that a pre-application conference was held on July 10 at Trinity City Hall.

Proposed Sewer Construction Budget and Proposed Incentive Structure:

Sewer Cost Estimate:	\$325,000
Community Development Block Grant:	\$168,000
NC Rural E.D. Infrastructure Grant:	\$140,000
Local Government Match:	\$ 7,000 (split evenly between Trinity and Randolph County)
Company:	\$ 10,000

Ms. Renfro said that the Trinity City Council met on July 16 and agreed to set two public hearings for the CDBG grant. They have authorized letters that state their intent to apply for both grants in partnership with Randolph County to make the local government match.

Ms. Renfro requested the Commissioners consider approval of a grant of \$3,500, which is 50% of the local match required for the grant, contingent on the City of Trinity approving the remaining \$3,500 and approval of the two grant applications.

The public sewer line would be the first service to the Turnpike Industrial Park and would eventually provide service to seven additional businesses in that park area. The line would become part of the City of Trinity's public sewer system.

At 7:04 p.m., Commissioner Holmes opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Holmes closed the public hearing.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving a \$3,500 match for a sewer grant for Flint Trading Company in Trinity, contingent upon approval of all project grants, as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH TO PROVIDE ONE-HALF
OF THE LOCAL MATCH GRANT REQUIREMENT FOR THE ENNIS-FLINT ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Section 158-7.1 of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes a county to undertake an economic development project by extending assistance to a company in order to cause the company to locate or expand its operations within the county; and

WHEREAS, Flint Trading Company/Ennis-Flint has stated its commitment to invest two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in real property and three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in personal property and business equipment to expand its business and to create fourteen (14) new jobs in the City of Trinity in Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, the project may be eligible for sewer infrastructure grants from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and from the Community Development Block Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, said grants, if approved, will require a local match from the local government making application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinity is considering a resolution to authorize the filing, by the City, of grant applications with the State of North Carolina on behalf of the Ennis-Flint economic development project and authorizing it to provide one-half of the required local match; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinity has requested that Randolph County provide one-half of the required local match for this project, or three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County has held a public hearing to consider whether to participate in this project by providing the requested one-half of the local match of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00); and

WHEREAS, this economic development project will stimulate and stabilize the local economy, promote business in the County and City, and result in the creation of a number of jobs in the County and City; and

WHEREAS, the County has in its General Fund available revenues sufficient to fund this economic development project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, this 5th day of August 2013, as follows:

Section 1. *The County is authorized to expend up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) of County funds to provide one-half of the required local match for the grants applied for on behalf of Ennis-Flint by the City of Trinity.*

Section 2. *Participation by the County in this economic development is expressly contingent upon the approval of the grant applications and local match by the City of Trinity and upon subsequent grant approval by the State of North Carolina.*

Library Update and Approval of Budget Amendment—Library (\$20,000 LSTA Grant)

Ross Holt, Public Library Director, updated the Commissioners that the State funding to public libraries was not altered in the budget, and they are expecting the full amount when distributed in the fall.

Mr. Holt made the Commissioners aware of the dire need for new carpet for the library. He said the Library Board has been working on a possible solution and has raised the funds needed to complete the project, which is estimated at about \$100,000; 59% of the funding comes from private foundation donations, 11% from Asheboro Public Library Building Fund, and the City of Asheboro included \$35,000 toward carpet in their current year budget. Mr. Holt emphasized that no County funding will be required, and a formal request will be made to the Commissioners at a later time for bid approval.

Mr. Holt stated that the library applied for and has received a \$20,000 federal Library Services and Technology Act EZ Planning Grant for 2013-2014. The grant will fund a Strategic Facility Planning Process that will assess countywide library facility needs over the next 15-20 years. It will be conducted by a consultant who will carry out a community analysis of growth and development trends throughout the county, a space needs analysis at each library, and an assessment of library services. The project will include opportunities for public input. A final report, to be delivered in April 2014, will include recommendations for the future of library facilities. Mr. Ross stated that there is no local match required for this grant and requested approval of a budget amendment to receive \$20,000 in grant funds from the State Library of North Carolina.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment # 5, as follows:

<i>2013-2014 Budget Ordinance-General Fund- Amendment # 5</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Public Library</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	

Emergency Approval for Purchase of HVAC Control System at New Courthouse

James Chriscoe, Maintenance Director, informed the Commissioners that due to a power surge from an auto accident that damaged a power pole and line on Salisbury Street, 40 of 140 control boards, contactors, transformers and eight other computers were irreparably damaged. Staff have managed to manually control the systems for all four floors, but there is no temperature control; the system is either on or off. Mr. Chriscoe stated that he has been working on obtaining bids for replacing

the controls. He estimates the cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Mr. Chriscoe is checking to see if any liability insurance is available to claim from the accident that caused the surge. Mr. Chriscoe has found only five control boards available in the US. The new system that Mr. Chriscoe proposes to use has software capable of other buildings being added to it. He said it would take at least two weeks for installation once a bid is accepted. The software will be installed at the Randolph County office building at 725 McDowell and will control the Courthouse on Salisbury Street. Mr. Chriscoe stated that he should have all the bids by the next day. A budget amendment will be presented at the September meeting.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to accept the lowest bid, not to exceed \$86,000, for an HVAC control system to be installed for the new Courthouse.

Regional Update

Vice Chair Frye said the Sandhills Mental Health Board meets following night. Alignment of the board is on the agenda.

Closed Session

At 7:25 p.m., on motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(4)] and to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(5)]and, further, to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body to discuss matters related to the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure; pursuant to [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)].

Regular Meeting Resumed

At 8:32 p.m., the Board returned to regular session. Chairman Holmes stated that no action would be taken at this time but discussion of the mega site would be held in open session at the September meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m., on motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

Amanda Varner, Deputy Clerk to the Board